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an account of the best Fox chases Mr. Corbett has ever seen
in forty years regular hunting of all kinds, black & white

On the 8 of December 1795 Mr. Corbett's hounds
found a Fox at Wolford Wood went off over Norton
Common to Lohbro: Lays thro: Longbro: Park to Eysford
Halford Holt to Cold Aston then turned to the right
over the fine open Country thro: Sapperton Grove
and killed him at Sandy Well Park more than 20
Miles from point to point out of more than 100
Horsmen only were in at the death - Mr. Corbett
Mr. Hill, Mr. Littleton, Major Pigot, Sir M. Martin
and Mr. Fretwell, and the Huntsman, one Whipper in
the fleet to be seen at the White Lion Inn at Eysford on the
The Hound, had more than 30 Miles to go home at Night

On the 7 of December Mr. Corbett's hounds found a
Fox at Spwell Heath and after one hour hard run
killed him at Long Thro: when another Fox stood
away and was killed after two hard runnings at 8
Miles from the Park which gave rise to that beautiful poem by Mr.
Goulbourn which every Fox hunter should read

In the season of 1825 The Duke of Beauford's hounds
found a Fox at Eyford went off over Fox Farm and Kill
him on Swell hill when another Fox stole away and
went back to Eyford and then to Swell pastured to
Thington. Thence to Mr. Talbot's place, then to Wyatts
Brake over the country to Notgrove, Coldeston Grove near
Farmington Grove back to Slougher Coppe, to Swell Village
then back over Swell hill and Fox Farm to ground at
Eyford after 3 hours hard running, several hares died
from this severe day sport.

In the year 1829 on St. Patrick The Duke of Beauford's hounds
found a Fox at Wingham Gore and ran him to ground at
Broadwell Mill. found apparant bedding to stakes went to
to ground at Wexon Park after two hours severe run
Lord Ferrave's hounds found a Fox at Humble Bee Grove
went to West Wood to Hawling Scrubs over the hill to Farm
cot Wood to Ringrock wood to Elms wood back to Farmcot
and Ringrock to Hails again then off to Lidcomb's Buckland
wood by Middlehill over to Spring Hill and Dingle Bank, the
Wippled off at Col. Sygones Thicket within half an hour
wood it being night the hounds were running 3 hours run
Lord Ferrave's hounds found a Fox at Seymour Wood on point of
over Borden Base course to Littleworth Wood to Labourn's Lane
crossing Slanton and Sawney on the left he came back over Col.
comb Grove by Bullcan over the Gate Hill kill him near Seymour

G. B. Fretwell Winton 1800

The 2nd from Fretwell was
then was the fastest I ever saw
having run more than 20
miles more than any other

Names of the Men Mr Fretwell employ'd. When
he hunted the Country in 1792 at Ston on the Wold
Kennel the best of the Coves being within 10
or 12 Miles of that place the principal were the
Chedworth Woods, Bencomb, Farnington Grove,
and Coves round Bibury Race Course, ^{or Gainsborough} Angley, Ormeau
Addington Ashes, Longbush, Bourton Wood, Pedgean
Weston Park, Michelton Wood, Stoke Wood, Forest,
Buckland Wood, Haile Wood, Dumbleton, & Dixton Wood
Lincen Wood, Doudeswell Wood, West Wood, Lappent
Grove, Eyford, Guiting & Pirnork woods, &c &c &c

Thos. Seabright. Huntsman now living, 2^d Fitz
John Elborough First Whipper-in
William Monday second Ditto
John Burnpas. Boyler
James Morgan & Kelper
All Capital
Men

Mr Bulkeley Fritwell's plan of Fox hunting
after 50 years experience and being the son of
a Capital Sportsman who hunted the Cot-
-Wold Country 40 years ago, on the following plan
Hept 30 couples of hunting hounds in Kennel,
looked 7 & 8 coppers in the field, (much better than many)
Hept 10 well bred Horses, in the best condition
 Hunted 3 Days a Week, met at 9 o'clock, made
long days, Determined to show Short, hill? 30
brace of Foxes in a Season (one year with another).
Made the Hounds with constant work. Perfect,
Hept both Hounds and Horses in best condition, put
them light of flesh and high in spirits, the only
plan to get good Short, set him new what a bad Cent
was. If the modern Sportsmen would follow this plan
what a happy thing it would be for all England,
the expenses of hunting cost Mr. F. 1000 pounds a year.

Mr. Corbett's plan (20 Coupls of Dogs and 25 of Bitches)
Masters of Hounds, that Hunt 7 days a week, should
keep 50 Coupls of hunting in Kennel they had
much better be kept in two packs (Dogs & Bitches), was the
plan of the noticed Mr. Corbett at Stratford on Avon; he
had most Capital Sport. These same hounds hunting together
(of course) could better depend on each other, there have Mr.
Corbett got better sport than his neighbors (further out than
4 days a week is quite enough for men if they are to do their duty)
17 Coupls of hounds in the field is much ^{better} than more, and it
is certain true that practice makes perfect, but good sport
depends on the condition of the hounds, they ought to be
very light of flesh and high in spirits like Race Horses,
therein solely depends the sense of good noses, and I am
convincingly experienced the feeding of hounds, was well
attended to there would seldom be a bad scenting day,
(keeping too many hounds in Kennel is vain indeed)
if this plan was attended to what a happy happy thing it
would be, the Fox hunting would be a grand diversion
Horses was formerly brought to Cover in fine condition
fit for hard work now they are brought to Cover in
shape for people to look at, like fat Cows at a Fair.

THE
MEYNELLIAN SCIENCE;

OR,

FOX-HUNTING,

Upon System.

J. Warwick

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breeding Hounds, was to combine strength with beauty, and steadiness with high mettle.

HIS idea of perfection of shape, was short backs, open bosoms, straight legs, and compact feet; as the greatest and first considerations in form.

THE first qualities he considered, were, fine noses, and stout runners.

IN the spring of the year, he broke

in his Hounds at Hare, to find out their propensities, which, when at all flagrant, they early discovered; and he drafted them according to their defects.

AFTER Hare hunting, they were the remaining part of summer, daily walked amongst Riot.

WHEN the hunting season commenced, his Hounds were hunted in the woodlands, amidst abundance of Foxes, for two months.

IN the month of November, the Pack was carefully divided into the Old and Young Pack. The Old Pack consisted of three year's old and upwards, and no two year's old was admitted, except a very high opinion was entertained of his virtues and abilities.

THE Young Hounds were hunted twice a week, as much in woodlands, as possible, and in the most unpopular Coverts. The Young Pack had always a few couple of steady old Hounds with

them. The Old Pack hunted the best country. When any bad faults were discovered, they were immediately drafted for fear of contamination.

SKIRTING, over-running the scent, and babbling, were the greatest faults.

PERFECTIONS consisted of true guiders, in hard running, and close patient hunters, in a cold scent, together with stoutness.

Mr. MEYNELL'S Hounds were criticised by himself and his friends, in the most minute manner. Every Hound had his peculiar talents, and was sure to have a fair opportunity of displaying them. Some had the remarkable faculty of finding a Fox, which they would do, almost invariably, notwithstanding twenty or thirty couple were out in the same covert. Some had the propensity to hunt the doubles and short turns. Some were inclined to be hard runners. Some had a remarkable faculty of hunting the Drag of a Fox, which they

would do very late in the day. And sometimes the hardest runners were the best hunters; and fortunate was the year, when such excellencies prevailed.

MR. MEYNELL prided himself on the steadiness and docility of his Hounds; and their hunting through sheep and hares, which they did in a very superior manner. He seldom, or never attempted to lift his Hounds through sheep; and from habit, and the great flocks the Hounds were accustomed to, they carried the scent

on most correctly and expeditiously, much sooner than any lifting could accomplish.

MR. MEYNELL was not fond of casting Hounds, when once they were laid upon the line of scent, he left it to them, he only encouraged them to take pains, and kept aloof, so that the steam of the horses could not interfere with the scent.

WHEN a Fox was found in a Gorse covert, very little noise or encouragement

was made; and, when he went away, as soon as the Hounds were apprised of it, they did not come headlong after; but commenced very quietly, and settled and collected together gradually, mending their pace, and, accumulating their force as they went along, completing what was emphatically termed—a terrible Burst.

WHEN his Hounds came to a Check, every encouragement was given them to recover the scent, without the Huntsman getting amongst them, or Whippers-in driv-

ing them about, which is the common practice of most Packs. The Hounds were hollo'd back to the place where they brought the scent, and encouraged to try round in their own way, which they generally did successfully—avoiding the time lost in the mistaken practice of Casting the Hounds at the heels of the Huntsman.

WHEN the Hounds were Cast, it was in two or three different lots, by Mr. MEYNELL, his Huntsman, and Whipper-in ; and not driven together in a body like a flock

of sheep. They were allowed to spread and use their own sagacity, at a very gentle pace ; and not hurried about in a blustering manner, but patiently.

IT was Mr. MEYNELL's opinion, that a great noise, and scolding of Hounds, made them wild. Correcting them in a quiet way, was the most judicious method.

WHIPPERS-IN should turn Hounds quietly ; and not call after them in a noisy disagreeable manner.

WHEN Hounds are going to the Cry, they should be encouraged in a pleasant way; not driven and rated as if discord was a necessary ingredient in the sport and music of a fine Cry of Hounds. Whippers-in are too apt to think their own importance and consequence, consists in shouting, holloing, and unnecessary activity. When Hounds can hear the Cry, they get together sooner than any Whipper-in can drive them. If any Hound is conceited and disinclined to go to the Cry, he should immediately be drafted.

SHOULD there be only one Fox in cover, and two or three Hounds get away with him whilst the body of the pack are hunting the line behind, some judicious sportsman should ride to them and view hollo for the rest of the pack to join them. It is the most certain way to ensure the Run, and the Hounds will very speedily get together, when properly treated. If there are many Foxes in cover, and one should go away, and the Hounds are running in various parts, you may, if a favourable opportunity presents itself, try

to hollo the pack away ; but do not attempt it, without such favorable circumstance, as a good rummaging in cover will do the Hounds service. When a Fox dwells in cover, and will not go away, the best plan is to leave him, and not kill him. Another day he will perhaps afford a good Run.

BLOOD was a thing Mr. MEYNELL was more indifferent about than most owners of Hounds. The wildest packs of Hounds were known to kill the most Foxes in cover ; but very seldom shewed good

Runs over a country.

HOUNDS chopping Foxes in cover, is more a vice than a proof of their being good cover Hounds. Murdering Foxes is a most absurd prodigality. Seasoned Foxes are as necessary to sport as experienced Hounds.

To obtain a good Run, your Hounds should not only have good abilities; but they should be experienced, and well acquainted with each other. To guide a

scent well over a country, for a length of time, and through all the difficulties usually encountered, requires the best and most experienced abilities. A faulty Hound, or injudicious rider, by one improper step, may defeat the most promising Run.

GENTLEMEN, and every person who makes Hunting his pursuit, should learn to ride judiciously to Hounds. It is a contemplative amusement; and much good diversion might be promoted, by a few regular precautions. The principal thing

to attend to, is not to ride too near the Hounds, and always as much as possible anticipate a Check. By which means the leading men will pull their horses up in time, and afford the Hounds fair opportunity to keep the line of scent unbroken. Sheep, Cattle, Teams at plough, and Arable land, are all causes of checks.

THOUGHTLESS Sportsmen are apt to press too much on Hounds, particularly down a road. Every one should consider, that every check operates against

the Hounds, and that scent is of a fleeting nature—soon lost—never again to be recovered.

MR. MEYNELL'S Hounds had more good Runs than any Pack of his day. Two very extraordinary ones happened of a very rare description. One was a Run of one hour and twenty minutes without a Check, and killed their Fox. The other was two hours and fifty minutes without a Cast, and killed. The Hounds, in the first Run, kept well together, and only two horses

performed it; the rest of the Field were unequal to its fleetness. The other Run alluded to, was performed by the whole of the Pack; and though all were up at the Death, two or three slackened in their pace just at the last. One horse only went the whole of it.

Mr. MEYNELL's natural taste led him to admire large Hounds; but his experience convinced him that small ones were generally the stoutest, soundest, and, in every respect, the most executive.

VARIOUS are the attentions necessary to manage a Pack of Hounds, and quite sufficient to engage the occupation of an active man's mind. Should the Master of the Hounds have other important concerns to call his attention off; sensible and confidential agents, and servants, should be chosen in every department.

FOX-HUNTING, is a manly and fine exercise, affording health to the body, and matter and food for a contemplative mind. In no situation are the faculties of man

more displayed. Fortitude, good sense, and collectiveness of mind, have a wide field for exercise; and a sensible sportsman would be a respectable character in any situation of life.

THE Field is a most agreeable Coffee-House, and there is more real society to be met with there, than in any other situation of life. It links all classes together, from the Peer to the Peasant. It is the Englishman's peculiar privilege. It is not to be found in any other part of the globe,

but in England's true land of liberty—and
may it flourish to the end of time !!

All right



I remember hearing my Father say he hunted
one day with the noted Mr. Mennel in Leestershire
with only 10 Couple of hounds in the field and had
a capital run over the finest ^{est} of their Country
and kill the Fox this ^{was} what they call bye day
and when Lord Vernon gave up his hounds in
Staffordshire in 1810 Mr. Talbot kept 18 Couple
of the best hounds in the pack for the following
Season and they had better sport and killed more
Foxes than was ever remembered by the oldest
Sportmen in that part of the Country, so much
for few hounds in good condition (of course being
light of Flesh with constant work made them so
such capital Sport) (Oh if all Masters of hounds -
would take notice of this) This was the plan of Mr.
Mennel, Mr. Corbet, and my Father, who ~~all~~ all
were Masters of hounds from the year 1780 to 1800
and were all three very great very great Friends.

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1760 21 years old

The late Mr Foxwell was bred a great Fox
hunter at Potterton about 10 Miles from
the Town of York he kept Capital Horses
and hunted with Mr Fox Lane's hounds
at Branham Park he was fond of the sport
that he went to the Kennel every hunting
Morning to go with the Hounds and often
returned with the Master of the Park to see
them fed - a Capital School for a young
Sportman as Mr Fox Lane was called one
of the best Sportmen in England of his day
Mr F. went to the East Indies in the 26 year of his
and was a Lieutenant in one of the East India Regiments
for some years, he had a good ^{share} of Fox hunting in
that part of the World he returned to England in 1772

and settled at Mptonold near Stow on the ^{West} Gloucestershire and hunted the Cotswold Country
for many years - The late Lord Sherbourne Mr.
Coke of Norfolk, Mr. Napier, and Mr. Waller,
paying him 1000 pounds a year subscription,
he was unfortunate for in 1782 he rode his horse
over a hedge into a Row and broke ^{his} leg in the year
1791 he had a nother fall and broke his other leg
and in 1794 his horse fell upon him and broke
three of his fingers and his arm and leg so bad
that he was oblig'd to stay at the Bear Inn in
Woodstock for some time, and in 1796 his horse
fell upon ^{him} in hunting at Bourton Wood and broke
his collar bone and two Ribs, but bore all
the accidents with the greatest fortitude
he died on the 29 of November 1799 aged 60
years he was respected and lamented, by all that
nature might show us and was 1st of the world

When Mr. Fretwell gave up the hounds he invited
his friend Mr. Corbett to take the Campton Country
as it was within reach of Stratford on Avon that is the
Covers of Bourton Wood, and Race Horse, Sevin cot Warren,
Sheppy Grove, Buckland, Littleworth, and Broadway Woods,
Weston Park and Sedgcomb, Blockley pastures, Cattle
Lays, Aston house and cover, Larkford, Blake Mares, Gars
Cot covers, Stoke Wood, Meon Hill, Michelton
Wood, Carters Lays, Norton covers &c, in short all the
covers within 6 Miles of Campton Town, which
was always considered the best part of the Cotswold hunt
Mr. Corbett hunted this part of the Country for more
than 10 years (but did not come often enough to satisfy the
owners of the covers) I happened to meet Lord Segrave hunt
ing at Middle Hill who was finding fault of the steep hills &
asked him if he would like to hunt Weston Park and
Bourton Woods &c. he said he should be most happy to hunt there
if I could get him leave, therefore I wrote to Mr. Corbett &
answered my letter in the most gentleman like way, and gave
up the Campton to Lord Segrave, this was in November 1810
Country

This was a Mare

The Duke of Bedford got the Stone
Country after Mr. Fretwell gave
up the hounds in 1810

